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1. Assemblea delle Donne per lo Sviluppo e la Lotta Contro L'Esclusione

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Assembly of Women for Development and the Struggle against Social Exclusion (ASDO) is a research organization based in Rome, Italy, focused on strengthening the role of women in society — and in particular in the area of scientific research and technological innovation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASDO aims to enhance the participation of women in economic, political and social life, and also in leadership positions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASDO contributed to several conferences, meetings and lectures focused on strengthening the role of women in society — and in particular in the area of scientific research and technological innovation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASDO attended the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum, organized by UN-Habitat and co-organized the side event "City between memory and innovation"; participated in the Spring 2012 Meetings of the World Bank Group; and delivered an oral statement to the 2013 High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its ongoing projects, Transforming Institutions by Gendering Contents and Gaining Equality in Research (TRIGGER) 2014-2017 and Structural Transformation to Achieve Gender Equality in Science (STAGES) 2012-2016, ASDO is committed to promoting women in science and technology. ASDO also developed a networking activity with Italian women's organizations for promoting their participation in the World Urban Forum.

2. International HIV/AIDS Alliance

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International HIV/AIDS Alliance is an organization that supports community action on HIV, health and rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works towards the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, ending AIDS, promoting equitable access to health services for people living with and affected by HIV and the realization of their rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the development agenda of the United Nations, in particular the MDGs, the SDGs, and the financing for development processes; to the health agenda of the United Nations, including ending AIDS, achieving universal health coverage, and promoting sexual and reproductive health; and to the human rights and equity agenda of the United Nations, in particular the leaving no one behind agenda of the SDGs, fighting HIV-related stigma and discrimination, addressing the rights of sexual minorities and promoting the right to health.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Alliance participated in meetings and summits related to the Sustainable Development Goals; the High-level meetings on AIDS; the annual General Assembly meetings; the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development; and meetings on Financing for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Alliance engaged with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), in particular the Community Mobilization Department and the Programming and Coordination Board; the World Health Organization (WHO), in particular the World Health Assembly, focussing on the development of WHO guidelines and the universal health coverage agenda; and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), focussing on the women, youth and adolescent's agenda in relation to HIV and sexual and reproductive health.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2013, the Alliance supported 2,132 community based organizations. With Alliance support, mechanisms for reporting and responding to rights abuses were

improved, and progress was made on a multipronged rights-based approach to advocacy, including verifiable progress towards policy goals related to HIV, health and rights.

3. International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society

Special, 2012

Introduction

International Human Rights and Anti-Corruption Society is a professional non-governmental, defender and custodian of the public interest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create an enabling environment for the recognition, promotion and enforcement of human rights and anti-corruption.

Significant changes in the organization

The geographical distribution of the membership has changed and funding has increased.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Society's areas of work and goals include, protecting and defending human rights, promoting democracy and good governance, justice and peace, global health, tackling corruption, illicit trade and climate change, security, environment and decent labour. The organization monitored and reported on global elections and commemorated various international days including, Human Rights Day, International Anti-Corruption Day and World AIDS Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended various international conferences and meetings including the 2012 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; submitted a written statement on "Elimination and Prevention of all forms of Violence Against Women and Girls" to the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and participated at the 2013 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Annual Ministerial Review.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization carried out independent monitoring of all projects in Africa, and the funding, to ensure that the mission and goals are met.

4. International Humanist and Ethical Union

Special, 2000

Introduction

The International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) is the world federation of organisations making up the global humanist movement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Union aims for a secular world in which human rights are respected and everyone is able to live a life of dignity.

Significant changes in the organization

The Union hired a chief executive and a staff member dedicated to advocacy at the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's work was concentrated at the Human Rights Council, where it sought to defend and promote human rights and to train members to engage with the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, IHEU representatives attended every session of the Human Rights Council where they made oral statements, submitted written statements, organised side events and engaged in a number of UPR processes. IHEU also attended meetings organised by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief on LBTI rights and made submissions to and attended meetings of Human Rights Committee, Committee against Torture and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IHEU worked closely with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, who attended the 2015 launch of the Union's Freedom of Thought report at the European Parliament and its World Humanist Congress in 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

5. International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development (INHURED International) is an independent public interest organization established in 1987 to work for the protection and promotion of human rights, the rule of law and democracy, sustainable environment, democratic development and world peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

INHURED strives for effective realization, at the regional and domestic level, of international human rights doctrines and instruments adopted by the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, the organization shifted the focus of its work from advocacy to humanitarian support in response to the needs of those affected by the 2015 earthquake in the Nepal.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization conducted fact-finding missions and research; prepared reports, studies and interventions on breaches of international human rights and humanitarian law; and advocated before local, regional and international bodies. INHURED cooperated with Nepali civil society organizations and government institutions to ensure that international human rights standards are reflected in national laws and policies through different programmatic interventions. INHURED wrote and presented Nepal's initial NGO alternate reports on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The organization also submitted an alternative report on the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body Monitoring System and intervened during the 2013 consideration of strengthening the system.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

INHURED convened side events during the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; participated in the Asia Pacific Ministerial Consultation for Beijing+20; and sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies and the Universal Periodic Review, making oral and written interventions on issues related to refugees, torture and violation of non-derogable rights.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

INHURED worked in close cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) towards a durable solution for the Bhutanese, Tibetan and urban refugees who are living in Nepal. The organization

also produced a number of information, education and communication materials on children, women, refugees and general human rights protection and promotion with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

INHURED conducted training at the national and regional levels on international humanitarian law, the United Nations human rights system, the United Nations reform agenda and the MDGs. The organization rebuilt a school that had been destroyed in the 2015 earthquake in Nepal. INHURED began implementing a project on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion and translated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into local languages.

6. International Lactation Consultant Association

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) is the professional membership association for International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs).

Aims and purposes of the organization

ILCA's mission is to advance the profession of lactation consulting worldwide through leadership, advocacy, professional development, and research.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, ILCA changed its vision to: world health transformed through breastfeeding and skilled lactation care, thereby establishing a new mandate toward greater global advocacy, presence and collaboration. In early 2015, ILCA developed formal partnerships with 17 like-minded, national-regional breastfeeding organizations. In addition, ILCA developed working relationships with over 15 emerging organizations that lacked the infrastructure and resources to create the desired breastfeeding outcomes in their regional area. To better execute ILCA's new strategic focus, the ILCA Board of directors established a new Strategic Advisory Committee, "Advocacy" and six new Regional Committees.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ILCA facilitated networking among lactation consultants and other professionals interested in promoting, protecting and supporting breastfeeding; established guidelines for competent, ethical, evidence-based lactation consultant practices; fostered the development of professional standards and ethical practice for lactation consultants; informed all health care professionals of the importance of human milk and breastfeeding and the consequences of artificial feeding; served as a professional, authoritative advisory body for women's and children's health; cooperated with organizations with similar aims and objectives; stimulated and

supported research in all aspects of lactation and infant feeding; supported the implementation of the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and its subsequent relevant resolutions. ILCA was an active member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Working Group on Girls (WGG), the United States Committee for Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (USCRC), and the NGO Committee on the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (NGOCU). ILCA also contributed a summary of Infant Feeding in Emergencies to the NGOCU newsletter.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other meetings, ILCA participated in the 25th anniversary high-level commemorative meeting for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the United Nations General Assembly meeting on "Advancing Regional Recommendations on Post-2015 Development Agenda: A Dialogue between Civil Society, Governments and UN Representatives".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ILCA was instrumental in the formation of the Breastfeeding Advocacy Initiative (BAI), which was coordinated by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, and has participated in numerous advocacy efforts in conjunction with this initiative. ILCA produced a joint statement and conducted a panel discussion at the 2014 Commission on the Status of Women on "Empowering Women Through Breastfeeding", partnering with UNICEF, the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine, the Carolina Global Breastfeeding Initiative, and the World Action for Breastfeeding Advocacy (WABA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ILCA was instrumental in the formation and launch of the Breastfeeding Advocacy Initiative.

7. International Longevity Center

Special, 2012

Introduction

The International Longevity Center Global Alliance, Ltd. (ILC-Global Alliance) is a multi-national NGO focussed on population ageing.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to help society prepare for longevity and population ageing in positive and productive ways through research, training and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

ILC-Global Alliance amended its By-laws on 27 October 2014. Since 2012, the Alliance has expanded to 17 member organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a member of the Stakeholder Group on Ageing and other NGO consortiums, Alliance representatives contributed as speakers, technical advisors, statement reviewers, attendees, and side event organizers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Alliance representatives participated in the sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA), including organising a side event on "Policy Framework in Response to the Longevity Revolution" at the 6th session of OEWGA; the Commission for Social Development; the Commission on the Status of Women; the Human Rights Council; and the global commemorations of the International Day of Older Persons and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, ILCA-Global Alliance contributed to the World Health Organization's Ministerial Conference on Dementia, the Global Strategy on Ageing, and the Global Forum on Innovation for Ageing Populations; and with the International Institute on Ageing, conducted a gerontology certificate training programme in Pune, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Alliance organized a conference entitled, "Human Rights and Gender Dimensions," 7-8 March 2012 in Pune, India.

8. International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism

Special, 2008

Introduction

The International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR) is a human rights organization devoted to eliminating discrimination and racism, forging international solidarity among discriminated minorities and advancing the international human rights system.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and promote the capacity of discriminated groups to raise their voices and represent themselves in activities to combat discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

Organizational integration of IMADR and its Japan Committee was decided at the General Assembly in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the United Nations human rights bodies through oral and written statements, side events at the Human Rights Council and alternative reports to treaty bodies. The organization contributed to the adoption of Human Rights Council resolutions on "Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka" and "Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, IMADR representatives participated in the 80th-88th sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); 19th-30th sessions and the 23rd Special Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC); 13th and 14th sessions of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR); 49th Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) and the 50th session of the Committee; 5th session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; 1st-4th sessions of the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights; 110th-112th sessions of the Human Rights Committee; 7th session of Forum on Minority Issues; 3rd Forum on Business and Human Rights; 3rd Working Group on a draft declaration on the right to peace; 63rd pre-sessional Working Group of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); and 50th anniversary event of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IMADR provided live webcast of CERD's public meetings; assisted participants in CERD funded by the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples; and published a French summary of the civil society guidebook on ICERD and CERD.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IMADR Asia Committee in Sri Lanka established a network to increase women's participation in decision-making process; and funded the project for war-affected single women in the northeast of Sri Lanka for training on leadership and sexual and reproductive rights for 100 women and livelihood assistance to 25 women. IMADR supported the Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) in Tamil Nadu in India for a study programme for Dalit students and youth, evening classes for Dalit children, and vocational training and income generation programme for Dalit women. The Movement supported the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal for a women's health programme in Parsa district and FEDO's Reducing Violence against Women programme. IMADR supported Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON) for

training of police officers to address gender-based violence and IMADR Latin America provided legal aid to the Mapuche communities in Argentina to protect their land and preserve sustainable environment.

9. International Native Tradition Interchange

Special, 2004

Introduction

International Native Tradition Interchange (INTI) is an indigenous people's organization established in New York, in 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create awareness and promote respect for the rights of Indigenous People and strives to enhance legitimate indigenous participation at the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the implementation of ILO Convention 169, the Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Millennium Development Goals and Agenda 2030. INTI brought to the attention of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the situation of the Kamayura traditional Indigenous people of Xingu, Brazil and the extinction of the Kaweshkar Indigenous People of Tierra del Fuego, Chile.

During the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the organization brought a Special Envoy from the "Heart of the World", Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta, Colombia to address the issue of water as the minimum for life. The organization has contributed to processes leading to the future participation of indigenous peoples within the United Nations since the General Assembly's Informal Interactive Hearing for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of International Native Tradition Interchange attended and delivered oral or submitted written statements at the following conferences: 11th-14th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization worked at developing a relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the extinction of the Kaweshkar indigenous people of Tierra del Fuego, Chile.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's affiliates in Guna Ayala, Panama and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia are planting food and herbal medicine to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger in those communities.

10. International Police Association

Special, 2004

Introduction

The International Police Association (IPA) is an independent organisation made up of active duty and retired members of the police service.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the IPA are to create and strengthen bonds of friendship between members of the police service promote international cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

IPA adopted new International Statutes and added five new, and expelled two affiliate members.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IPA prepared a Policy Statement on "Gender Equality, Rule of Law and Criminal Justice Administration". The IPA also produced and sent a wide range of communications to the NGO Committee on Drugs and the Alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The IPA has participated in the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; sessions of the Human Rights Committee; meetings of the Economic and Social Council; sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; sessions of the Human Rights Council; sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; sessions of the Committee against Torture; 2014 International Police Executive Symposium; Trinidad and Tobago Police Service First Law-Enforcement Conference; and the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The IPA interacts regularly with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and produces and sends a wide range of communications to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IPA did not have initiatives towards MDGs, but worked towards highlighting certain areas of criminality regarding human trafficking and child abuse through partnerships. IPA cooperated closely with the Consortium for Street Children. IPA introduced a new project called "IPA Tomorrow" with the aim of modernising the Association and published reports in text books developed to enhance police effectiveness and professionalism.

11. International POPs Elimination Network

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 1998, International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) is comprised of participating organizations in over 100 primarily developing and transition countries engaged in efforts to reduce and eliminate hazardous chemicals both nationally and internationally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPEN's mission is a toxics-free future for all.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPEN played a vital role in the implementation of the Stockholm, Rotterdam, Basel and Minamata Conventions, as well as the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). IPEN prepared "Quick Views" and similar documents to explain the importance of (and IPEN's opinion on) certain treaty text and/or potential additions to treaties; prepared educational booklets to raise awareness about United Nations treaties and related issues; executed strategic projects to generate attention about and advance implementation of the elimination of lead paint, the Minamata Convention, and chemicals in products (a SAICM emerging issue). IPEN participated in United Nations-sponsored expert groups, working groups and review committees; and generated data to support mercury, lead paint, and POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) elimination goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPEN participated in over 80 United Nations meetings from 2012-2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IPEN worked with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on mercury monitoring projects, and also a project to enhance CSO participation in

SAICM. IPEN released joint reports and organized joint meetings with UNEP pertaining to lead and mercury in paint.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IPEN's work to reduce and eliminate the use of mercury in artisanal small scale gold mining and to eliminate lead from paint are two examples of initiatives taken to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health. IPEN's testing of products (toys, cosmetics, accessories and other items) for metals and its work with the Endocrine Society to publish an introductory guide to endocrine disrupting chemicals are two more examples. IPEN's work to add POPs to the Stockholm Convention, to prevent materials contaminated with POPs from being recycled, and to improve the limits for low POPs content in wastes are some examples of initiatives taken to ensure environmental sustainability.

12. International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is a health-based umbrella organisation that supports the rehabilitation of torture victims and the prevention of torture worldwide. Its members comprise more than 153 independent organisations in over 75 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IRCT's vision is a world without torture.

Significant changes in the organization

There were no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IRCT has implemented various programmes aimed at developing capacity within its global membership through south-south and north-south exchanges, peer supervisions and conferences. The IRCT contributed to the United Nations policy making process including by drafting a General Comment on article 14 of the United Nations Convention against Torture. IRCT also advocated for the adoption of a Human Rights Council resolution on torture victims' right to rehabilitation. The IRCT has implemented projects specifically aimed at increasing the global amount of funding available to organisations working to provide rehabilitation services to victims or torture and ill-treatment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRCT representatives participated in the 19th-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council; 48th-56th sessions of the United Nations Committee against Torture and facilitated the participation of IRCT members from 15 different countries;

relevant open meetings of 16th-27th sessions of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture; and participated in sessions of the Board of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; 13th-23rd sessions of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council; 48th session of the United Nations Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights; 112th session of the United Nations Committee on Civil and Political Rights; and co-hosted, with the Permanent Mission of Denmark, a Human Rights Council briefing for diplomats in relation to the resolution on rehabilitation for torture victims.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The IRCT collaborated with the main United Nations mechanisms dealing with torture and ill-treatment: the Special Rapporteur on Torture, the Committee against Torture and the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in relation to rehabilitation of victims of torture and ill-treatment and forensic medical documentation of torture.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. International Youth Hostel Federation

Special, 2004

Introduction

The International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF) is active in over 80 countries offering 3,700 youth hostels and 565,000 beds. The IYHF operates under its global brand name: Hostelling International.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation was established to provide a system of reciprocity through which a young person holding membership of one Youth Hostel Association may use the hostels in other countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the years, IYHF's work has increased to promote youth tourism, non-formal education and sustainable tourism.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IYHF representatives attended United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) committee meetings with NGO partners in 2012 and 2015 and the 2013 United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Ulysses Awards Ceremony, where the Federation was awarded second runner up for Innovation in Tourism for the "Big Blog Exchange" project.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2013, IYHF signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with UNWTO to promote the UNWTO campaign against all forms of trafficking, promote the "Big Blog Exchange" competition organised by Hostelling International and put in place the "Young at Heart" initiative. In 2014, the IYHF German Youth Hostel Association worked in association with the German National Tourist Board and in cooperation with Deutsche Bahn, to organise for a blogger to visit all 38 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Germany within one month to promote awareness of the World Heritage-Sustainable and Natural Tourism Campaign. In 2015 the Federation was elected to be part of UNWTO Committee for Tourism and Sustainability on behalf of UNWTO Board of Affiliate Members.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2012 IYHF has supported the United Nations International Day of Peace with a project called "Sleep for Peace" in which hostels from across the network celebrate the day with unique activities that promote a deeper understanding of people, places and culture. IYHF ran a project entitled "IoU Respect", in line with International Youth Day, promoting youth civic engagement. IYHF concentrated much of its work on environmental awareness-raising campaigns targeting the young traveller and promoting sustainable practices in accommodation management and architecture using appropriate building materials and methods in youth hostel planning/construction, use of renewable energies and recycling techniques wherever possible, and environmentally friendly practices in day-to-day hostel management.

14. Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst (IOV)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Internationale Organisation Für Volkskunst (IOV) is devoted to safeguarding folk culture, folk art and intangible cultural heritage.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IOV aims to create a level of understanding and tolerance among the various peoples of the world thus contributing to the promotion and maintenance of world peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IOV Mission supports the 2003 Convention on Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH Convention). To help increase cross-cultural understanding and peaceful coexistence of the world's diverse peoples, IOV has organized more than 150 folkloric festivals each year worldwide. IOV Youth meets every second year for a world congress, to hear presentations, lectures and participate in workshops and discussion groups on topics that tie the work of IOV to that of the United Nations. In Recognition of Universal Children's Day, IOV organizes a dance and music festival for children in Bergamo, Italy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

IOV is a partner organization of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Forty IOV members have been identified by UNESCO as experts in at least one area of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IOV publishes two periodicals: Folk Culture is an Arabic language publication which is printed four times each year with articles pertaining primarily to the cultures of North Africa and the Middle East. The IOV Journal of the Intangible Cultural Heritage is a scholarly quarterly publication, which contains research and writing on Folk Art and Culture. IOV sponsors programmes in support of MDG1 and MDG7 by organizing and promoting folk art markets and other events, where local artisans sell traditional handicrafts at fair trade prices, thereby generating income for some of the world's poorest people. For many poor women, the income derived from the sale of handicrafts constitutes the primary source of support for themselves and their families and may contribute to greater gender equality.

15. ISIS: — International Women's Information and Communication Service

Special, 1996

Introduction

Isis — International Women's Information and Communication Service is a 41-year-old feminist development organization that works for women's human rights and empowerment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Isis International works for the realization of women's human rights through feminist collaborations and alliance building in the struggle against patriarchal and fundamentalist forces.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Isis documents feminist visions, creates critical communications, and strengthens social movements. Isis works primarily with women's groups and networks to effectively use communication for advancing the women's agenda and Southern feminist analysis through interactive communication, advocacy, networking and capacity-building strategies. Isis produced and disseminated information and communications on climate change, women human rights defenders, gender based violence, Beijing+20 and International Women's Day; served on the Civil Society Steering Committee for Beijing+20, conducted the Women and Media workshop and helped formulate the CSO Statement on Women and Media. Isis dedicated an issue of its publication, Women in Action (WIA), "Women in Peacebuilding", to making women's voices heard in peace and development processes and published research on women and peacebuilding in the Republic of the Philippines, "Recognising Women's Participation in Sustainable and Lasting Peace".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Isis representatives participated in the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, and provided multimedia, onsite coverage of the proceedings. The organization also participated in the Third Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2015, Isis produced the Gender Programming Handbook for community radio stations with the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In 2014, Isis was part of the CSO Steering Committee that organised the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum on Beijing+20, that was supported by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). Isis also assisted UN Women with coordinating CSO Forum representatives for press conferences held for participants of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UN-Women Media Training, Bangkok, Thailand, 15-21 November 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Isis initiatives were primarily focused on capacity-building to improve women's abilities to use media and communications for advocating on issues that affect them and their communities. The organization conducted a capacity-building project for women human rights defenders from East and South East Asia; a research and capacity-building project with regional partners, for a network of young women peace builders to develop social media strategies to advance Security Council resolution 1325 in Asia; capacity-building projects for women on citizen video journalism; and community building for a network of young women leaders in West Africa working on issues related to gender identity and sexual orientation.